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## Union Urges Govt. Action On Brief

The officers of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, C.C.L., requested quick government aid for the Western coal industry following Tuesday's announcement that Brazeau Collieries Ltd. was to cease operations at Nordegg.

In a telegram addressed to Hon. George Prudham, Edmonton, federal minister of mines, the union men said:

"We have been officially advised of the closing of Brazeau Collieries January 16 next, which move will throw 150 men out of employment.

"This situation makes it imperative that your government expedite measures to assist the West's coal industry in accordance with our presentation of December 16."

District 18 and other Western coal interests urged in their presentation that the government subsidize the industry or cut imports of U. S. coal. A government commission is presently studying the proposals.

The brief submitted by the Delegation to Ottawa appears, also charts relative to the coal industry as they appear in a comprehensive study of the problem.

The Journal has taken these figures from a study of the report to show a true picture of the industry and also the detailed work that has been done in an effort to find a solution.

November 22nd, 1954.

Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent,  
Prime Minister of Canada—and  
Members of the Cabinet:  
Gentlemen:

This delegation consists of representatives of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, which organization represents the mineworkers of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan; the Coal Operators' Association of Western Canada, other unattached coal companies, and the three provincial governments.

This delegation is appearing before you because:

(1) All parties concerned—the mine workers, the operators and the Provincial Governments—recognize the seriousness of the situation existing in the coal mining industry in Western Canada at the present time;

(2) We believe that the coal mining industry in Western Canada is a fundamental constituent of our National economy.

The coal mining industry in Western Canada began to deteriorate through lack of markets in 1949. Since then some 62 mines have been closed down and many mines have reduced their working forces by more than one half. Others are working one to three days per week. Production of coal in 1949 in Western Canada was 12,394,000 tons and by 1953 had dropped to 9,392,000 tons. The number of men employed in the coal mines in 1949 was 11,489 while in 1953 the number was 7,703. This means that there has been a reduction in production 3,002,000 tons in the last four years and a reduction in the number of men employed of 3,786 during the same period.

If this trend continues the following will result:

(1) The majority of mines now operating will be forced to further curtail operations or close down entirely.

(2) The 7,700 mineworkers directly dependent on this industry plus a further 5,000 non-mineworkers so directly dependent for employment, will be deprived of their livelihood.

(3) The 6 million dollars invested in coal mines of Western Canada will be lost to a large extent.

Notwithstanding this situation, imports of United States coal into Canada have remained at a high level, in 1953 totalling more than 22 million tons. Should ten percent of this consumption of United States coal be supplied from Western Canadian sources the decline in the Western coal industry would be averted and the industry would be stabilized.

The extensive mine closures in recent years represent a net loss to the Canadian national economy which cannot be recovered since experience has proven the economic impossibility of reopening abandoned mines.

During the last war there was a serious shortage of coal in Canada and both the Coal Operators and the United Mine Workers were pressed by the Government to produce more coal. In fact large numbers of men were brought back to the coal mines from the Army, while still others with previous mining experience were returned to the coal mines from other industries in order to increase coal production. This situation was paralleled in some respects during the first world war, and such a situation may well develop again. It must be pointed out that coal mines cannot be developed overnight nor can coal mines be trained in a short period of time. It is therefore submitted that the mining industry is an absolute necessity to our national welfare and existence and thus it is essential that the Federal Government take immediate action to preserve it in the interests of Canada as a nation.

The Convention of District 18, United Mine Workers of America held in April of the present year, gave very serious consideration to the situation at present existing in the industry and the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, in the past few years the Coal Industry in Western Canada has been deteriorating to the extent that some sixty two producing mines have been closed and existing producing mines are working on short time basis to the extent that production of coal has decreased by some 3,000,000 tons since the year 1949; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, the International Mine at Coleman, Alberta, has closed down, throwing 300 men out of employment, and a further lay-off of 240 men has taken place at Nordegg, Alberta, which will mean a further reduction in the production of coal; and

WHEREAS, Canada imported some 22,000 tons of coal from the United States in the year 1953;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That this Wage Scale Convention instruct the Officers of the District Organization to arrange for a delegation representing the Union, Coal Operators, and the Provincial Governments, to meet the Federal Government at a date to be arranged as early as possible for the purpose of urging the immediate necessity of taking some action, either by:

1. Increasing the present subvention on coal to eastern markets, or

2. Imposing a higher tariff on American coal imports sufficient to make available a market for at least 2,000,000 tons of coal mined in Western Canada."

In accordance with the above resolution, representatives of District 18, United Mine Workers of America, were instructed to arrange for this delegation in an effort to impress on your Government the necessity of diverting at least two million tons from the coal imported from the United States, as an additional market for coal produced in Western Canada. We suggest to you that this can be done, either by raising the tariff on imported coal, or by paying a higher subsidy or subvention on Western Canadian coal, or by having a

## School Board Holds Regular Meeting

A full board sat in on the regular meeting last week and discussed the teachers' contracts for the coming year. The board had made a proposal to the teachers, who in turn offered a proposal of their own. Further meetings will dispense with this.

The principal's report showed 900 enrolment with 95.45 percent average attendance. He pointed out that the new stage at Cameron school was a great asset.

Mr. Allen also stressed that some provision should be made in the budget to obtain a nurse to perform a little work around the school. This is being considered.

There are 23 Canadian Red Cross welfare workers serving our troops in the Far East.

quota system as to the tonnage imported. We request that these suggestions should be given very serious consideration, or other avenues be explored, some of which elaborate on in the supplement attached to this brief.

We are given to understand that the policy of the present Government is for free trade and is opposed to the imposition of additional tariffs. This policy does not appear to be consistent as we are aware that there are industries in Eastern Canada such as the automobile, electrical, appliance and other industries that are protected by tariffs. In addition it is well known that there are few manufactured commodities which can be imported from the United States which do not carry an import duty.

Furthermore, it is an established fact that the United States Government places either tariff or quota on imports of any commodity which may affect in any way the interests of the producers of such commodities.

We respectfully refer you to the attached supplement for further data and suggestions which are the result of a detailed study of the entire coal industry of Western Canada.

The coal mining industry is in such a depressed condition at the present time that it is imperative that the federal government give immediate consideration to implementing a policy in the interests of the nation to place and maintain this industry in a healthy condition.

As an immediate step toward this end we respectfully request the Federal Government to appoint forthwith an independent emergency committee to investigate and make such recommendations as are deemed necessary to alleviate the present situation; such recommendation to be placed before the Government within 60 days of this date for consideration and implementation.

Our conclusions and recommendations appear on Pages 35 to 44 of the Supplement attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of:

DISTRICT 18, UNITED MINE WORKERS  
OF AMERICA

Per:

## Estimates of 1960 Coal Production By Mines In Western Canada

	TONS
For railroads as locomotive fuel	750,000
For Domestic heating	1,500,000
To replace wood used as fuels in home and industry	250,000
For shipment to Ontario under subvention or otherwise	250,000
For industrial use, not including thermal plants	850,000
For manufacture of coke	200,000
Exports, not including coke	75,000
For use in thermal power plants	950,000
Mine and other miscellaneous uses including waste	276,000

An estimate has been made of coal production in 1960 based on presently established trends and other known factors with regard to the various end uses of coal mined in the West.

YEAR	AMOUNT
1949 - 50	4,767,000 tons
1950 - 51	4,592,000 tons
1951 - 52	4,278,000 tons
1952 - 53	3,427,000 tons
1953 - 54	3,185,000 tons

YEAR	Bituminous and Sub-bituminous
1950	371,839 tons
1951	219,322 tons
1952	139,319 tons
1953	74,054 tons

YEAR	NO. OF EMPLOYEES
1949	11,489
1950	10,659
1951	9,816
1952	9,386
1953	7,703

The above table shows employees in coal mining reduced by 33 per cent during this period.

As closely as can be estimated there are approximately 3,000 additional persons whose employment directly depends upon the coal industry. This includes persons in the lumber trade from which the coal industry obtain large numbers of mine timbers every year as well as those persons engaged in manufacturing various types of equipment used in coal mining. Also included are the number of railway employees that would be affected.

For many of the people engaged in coal mining the curtailment in production has already caused severe hardships as many mines are only operating a few days a week.

It is estimated that approximately 900,000,000 is invested in the coal mines of western Canada. Already a portion of this has been lost through the abandonment of many mines during the past few years. Once a coal mine ceases operating the greatest part of the capital investment is lost and cannot be recovered even if it is desired to operate the mine in some future year.

## THE FUTURE OF THE COAL INDUSTRY IN WESTERN CANADA

### Historical Background

After making allowance for the effects of the depression

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## Calgary Writer Visits Coleman

Ken Liddell, Calgary Herald columnist; author of a book about Alberta, visited Coleman last week.

Purpose of Mr. Liddell's visit was to write a cheerful article about Coleman to performance.

counteract the unfavorable publicity the town received last year.

## Council Meeting

The first meeting of 1955 saw council handle routine business, and adjourn at the earliest hour in months.

It was disclosed that W. Kosma had decided not to assume the duties of caretaker and further applications would be considered at a special meeting.

The fire department report showed 10 practices with an attendance of 12 and five calls answered in the period from October to December.

Owens Red and White requested permission to install a sign on their store. The building committee will inspect this and okay it.

## LIONS TO SPONSOR PLAY

The Great Plays Company, well known as the prairie only professional Theatre and which has established an enviable artistic reputation for itself through its tour of "Hamlet" two seasons ago as well as its summer presentations in Lethbridge, will appear here in the first of a series of province wide tours on Tuesday evening, January 25 in the high school auditorium.

The play to be performed is the delightful modern comedy "I Like It Here" and it will be presented under the local sponsorship of the Coleman Lions Club.

Dean Goodman, who won critical acclaim as "Hamlet" in this area, and who has been a leading actor with the company since its beginning, will play the starring role. Mr. Goodman has appeared professionally with Jose Ferrer and Lucille Ball among others and is generally considered to be one of this country's most prominent young actors.

A play designed to fill the entertainment needs of the entire family "I Like It Here" tells the amusing story of a lovable little refugee who is employed in the home of an American college professor. Unable to mind his own business Willie, the refugee proceeds to solve the family problems with hilarious and often near tragic results. In the leading role Mr. Goodman's performance has been called by various critics both comic and moving.

Angela Starkey, a native of Alberta, makes her professional debut and also her first appearance with the Company in the role of the professor's attractive young daughter. Other newcomers include Janet Bragg and Eric Cunningham, whose most recent engagement was with the Vancouver, B. C. production of "All My Sons", starring Edward Arnold.

## St. John Ambulance Winners

Winners of the St. John Ambulance dance door prizes:

A. Olesewski, No. 85, Ticket No. 709.

A. Bolab, No. 32, Ticket No. 567.

E. Ledieu, No. 559, Ticket No. 404.

Ticket No. 991 sold at the door.

Would the person holding this ticket get in touch with the secretary, J. KILGANNON, and receive the \$5.00 award.

## "Gypsy Colt"

Every day the villagers set their watches as Gypsy breezes by to bring his mistress, Little Meg MacWade home from school. The lives of the two are bound up in each other. But on the MacWade farm there is trouble. Brought has raised the spectre of bankruptcy. There is only one thing to do—sell Gypsy to the Gerald racing stables. Gypsy is trucked to his new home where a cruel horse trainer tries to discipline him.

Meg tries to bear up under the loss. But Gypsy escapes, not once but several times, and returns home. The horse escapes still again from a race track 500 miles distant. When it arrives home again exhausted, Gerald leaves it there. Gypsy brings luck because rain begins to fall.

## Grands Improve While Dropping Opening Games

Hitting the ice with only two practices, Coleman Grands worried Fernie Rangers for 120 minutes before dropping their first two games 5-1 and 5-3.

Composed of three veterans and last year's Bellevue and Coleman juveniles, the Grands lost a fast fighting club, that lacked only conditioning. The second contest at Fernie showed a vast improvement in the club and gave Coach Evans a chance to sizeup his squad and lay his plans. Watching the club in action Saturday, it was evident that Coleman possesses a stronger club than expected and as they round into shape will be a contender. We predict that the Coleman club will be a thorn in everyone's side come the close of the season. We also feel confident that the Fernie club, with five league wins to their credit to date have won their last game against the Grands.

Grands meet the high flying Cranbrook Selkirk this week-end. Selkirk appear to be the league champs at this stage of the season.

In the first Coleman - Fernie game McDonald put Coleman in the lead on a play with Kryczka in the first period.

Following this Coleman drew a double penalty to Belter and Tarcon; Caravetta bagging two goals to put Fernie in the lead. Another double penalty to Biegun and Gettman allowed Zuffa to score at 14:45 and close the period at 3-1.

The sandwich session failed to alter the scoring, but saw penalties go to Willie and Gettman of Coleman and Mitchell, Zuffa and Caravetta of Fernie.

Fernie forged ahead in the 3rd. Marasco scoring at six minutes, and again at the 15-minute mark. Gettman and Caravetta drew five minutes each for fighting. Marasco, Zuffa and Tarcon serving majors.

In Saturday's contest, Fernie opened fast and threatened to score during the opening minutes. Coleman club showed their ability to get out; veteran Joe Biegun setting up a picture play with a flip pass to Kryczka, who relayed it to McDonald at the four minute mark. McDonald showed nice style in fouling the defence and sinking a waist high shot and put Coleman ahead 1-0.

Zuffa drew Fernie's only penalty, the Rangers showing ability in killing off the sentence. Gettman was banished for Coleman with three seconds left in the period.

Playing with a man advantage in opening the second, Fernie tied it up by De George at 1:55 on a deflected shot and going ahead at 3:20. Marasco scoring from a goal mouth scramble. Gettman vindicated himself with stellar play, capitalizing on his efforts at 7:50 when he converted Les's pass into the tying goal. De George scored Fernie's third at 11:34. Caravetta making it 4-2 at 18:17.

Mitchell drew the only penalty. Bessie was penalized in the first 34 seconds of play in the 3rd period but the Grands seemed to have found themselves in this period and kept the conditioned Rangers on edge. Coleman scored early in the period but had the goal disallowed, the ruling being that the goal had registered just after the whistle. Tomlins and Cerny relied on their efforts at 4:11. Tomlins getting the goal and Joe Biegun also getting an assist to make it two for the night. Ashmore registered on a high blue line shot at 13:03.

Penalties: Bessie, Tarcon, Scodellaro, of Coleman, and Mitchell, Hornquist, J. Bessie and Hockley of Fernie.

The entire Coleman club played to win and no one player could be singled out for attention; however, newcomers Cerny and Bessie aided the club considerably in the second contest.

Sixteen year old Kemp in the Coleman nets, played superb hockey in both games drawing applause from Fernie fans for his

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## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gushul and David, accompanied by Mrs. J. Young, were Lethbridge visitors last week.

### GET UP A GANG AND GO BOWLING

Feel like a little exercise? Want to have a lot of fun? Get the bunch together tonight and come down for a few games and loads of laughs

**ALBERT'S BOWLING**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Malanchuk and daughters left last week to reside in Pincher Creek.

**TURNER-SMALES**  
A quiet wedding was solemnized on Wed. Dec. 22nd in St. Alban's Church when Mrs. Ivy Smales and Mr. Harold Turner, both of Coleman were united in marriage. Rev. F. A. Dykes officiated.

### ST. PAUL'S UNITED

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### ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, January 16th  
Rector—Rev. F. A. Dykes, B.A., L.T.H.  
11 a.m.: Holy Communion and Sermon.

### "Dangerous Mission"

Piper Laurie, the only witness to a brutal gang-land killing in New York, flees to Glacier National Park, where she gets a job in a hotel. The mobsters dispatch Vincent Price, a gunman, to the park to rub out Piper so she cannot be subpoenaed as a witness in the New York murder.  
Also sent to the area is Victor Mature, of the Manhattan police, whose job it is to bring Piper back each unharmed. Mature and Piper become romantically inclined, she

not suspecting the nature of his mission. Desperate now to get the job done, Price kidnaps her, but she escapes. An Indian girl, in love with Price, helps him in an attempt to flee, but Piper and Mature get on the trail. In a climactic gun battle Price is slain; Piper promises to go back to New York to testify, and also agrees to marry Mature.

### "Magnificent Obsession"

When a famed surgeon dies of a heart attack, Jane Wyman, his bride of a few months, and his grown daughter, Barbara Rush, are resentful because an inhalator which could have saved his life, was in use to revive Rock Hudson, profligate young millionaire, after a speedboat accident. Hudson, learning of his part in the doctor's death, and also aware the surgeon was bankrupt, offers Jane money, which she scornfully rejects. Trying to fight his way out of alcoholism, Hudson resolves to try the dead man's formula for living to help someone in need and refuse payment. Jane is blinded as the result of an automobile accident, for which Barbara holds Hudson responsible. He saves Jane from suicide and they fall in love, but she disappears. When she is found, seriously ill, Hudson, who has become a surgeon, is persuaded to operate; her sight is restored and they plan to marry.

### SPORT

At a meeting in Kimberley last week Dave Livingstone, ex-Dynamiter, stated he was prepared to take over the coaching duties of Kimberley Legionnaires, and that he would endeavor to have all matters pertaining to league regulations straightened out by the week-end.

This made way for re-admitting Kimberley into the ABC league.  
The B. C. club had been under suspension and all games played by them were classed as exhibition.

Creston Del-Macs report that George Holmes has resigned after coaching the club for the past three years.

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Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named DOMENICO MARRANO, who died on 3rd November, 1954, are required by 11th February, 1955, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any security held by them, and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the Deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

Dated at Land Titles Bldg., Calgary, Alberta, 5th January, 1955.

P. L. QUINTON,  
Deputy Public Trustee.

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during the thirties and the extra demand created by World War II, the coal industry of Western Canada had a relatively stable level of production during the 30 year period 1921 to 1950. This is borne out by the production figures for this period shown below.

### Coal Production in Western Canada 1921-1953

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
1921	9,135	1938	7,716
22	9,300	39	8,173
23	10,116	40	9,200
24	7,863	41	10,315
25	9,083	42	11,225
26	9,557	43	11,383
27	10,151	44	10,936
28	10,613	45	11,033
29	10,222	46	11,968
30	8,419	47	11,405
31	7,106	48	11,493
32	7,422	49	12,394
33	7,033	50	12,045
34	7,154	51	11,622
35	7,720	52	10,931
36	8,211	53	9,392
37	8,214		

It will be noted that in the four year period 1949-1953 production dropped from approximately 12,000,000 tons to about 9,400,000 tons, or by over 22%. Apart from the decline at the beginning of the depression this is the most serious fall in production ever recorded by the coal industry of Western Canada.

Furthermore, such figures do not fully reveal the large market that coal has lost to other fuels. As practically all the coal mined in the West is sold in the Western Provinces, the growth of the area and its consequent extra demand for fuel must be taken into consideration.

For example, during the period 1921 to 1953 the population of the Western Provinces increased from just under 2,500,000 to over 3,900,000, or by about 55%. At the same time the amount of coal produced in 1953 was almost the same as produced in 1921 — just over 9,000,000 tons. When such factors as increased industrialization, decreased use of wood as a fuel, growth of thermal power, higher per capita energy consumption etc., are taken into consideration it does not appear unreasonable to say that the sale of coal from Western mines might be close to 16-17,000,000 tons per year at the present time if other fuels had remained no more serious competitors than they were in 1921.

While coal production has not kept pace with the expansion of the West over the past 30 years or more, it is only within the last four or five years that competition from other fuels has become severe. This situation has arisen from three main causes.

- The post-war discoveries of large additional amounts of crude oil and natural gas in Western Canada.
- The rapid rate of changeover by the Railroads from coal fired steam locomotives to either oil burning or diesel motive power.
- The various increases in the price of most types of coal as compared to relatively stable prices of other fuels. On the opposite page is shown a chart giving the relative changes in the price of various fuels used by the Railroads during the period 1948 to 1952 which indicates the much larger proportionate increase in coal prices.

Besides the price advantages that oil or gas are able to offer in many parts of the Western market, these products offer certain additional benefits such as easier handling, automatic heating, etc., that are difficult for coal to combat.

Another factor which has tended to disturb the traditional pattern of the industry has been the development of strip coal mines. For the most part, such mines were developed at the request of the

Government during the last war. After the war these mines continued to expand their operations and have taken a large part of the market formerly held by the underground mines. The relative production of these two types of mines is shown below for the years 1945 through 1953.

### Production of Coal from Strip and Underground Mines in Western Canada 1945-1953

Year	Strip	%	Underground	%	Total
1945	2,435,229	22.1	8,597,685	77.9	11,032,914
1946	3,181,971	26.5	8,806,253	73.5	11,988,224
1947	3,275,930	29.6	8,029,546	70.4	11,405,476
1948	4,655,340	40.5	6,837,421	59.5	11,492,761
1949	5,107,250	41.2	7,287,055	58.8	12,394,305
1950	5,517,064	45.8	6,532,824	54.2	12,049,888
1951	5,336,540	45.9	6,285,499	54.1	11,622,039
1952	5,041,628	46.1	5,889,186	53.9	10,930,814
1953	4,826,534	51.4	4,565,853	48.6	9,392,387

As the figures indicate, strip coal production has held almost constant at around 5,000,000 tons during the past five years while underground production has dropped from 7,300,000 tons to 4,600,000 tons, or by 2,700,000 tons.

Although strip coal production has shown some small reduction in the past few years, generally speaking, the main impact of the drop in coal sales has fallen on the underground mines. As such mines employ by far the greatest number of people engaged in the industry the effect of the curtailment in the demand for underground coal has been serious.

### Says Coal To Remain Chief Source Of Energy

TORONTO (UP) — A survey of Canada's fuel needs up to 1975 indicates that coal will remain the major source of energy.

The survey was undertaken by Prof. E. A. Allcutt of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Toronto. His estimates were based on a 1975 population of 18,000,000.

"It seems probable that Canada will become self-supporting as far as oil is concerned by about 1965," he said. But by that time the United States will probably be importing more than one-third of its domestic consumption (of oil) so that the picture is not quite so rosy as the statement would seem to imply.

"The natural gas situation is more uncertain, but even if the requirements can be met from Canadian sources, it is evident that large quantities of coal and other solid fuels are likely to be required by Canada for the next 20 years or more.

"If it should become necessary, as it probably will, to transform some of our coal into liquid fuel, the demand on our coal resources

will increase correspondingly.

"After 1975, the possible use of atomic energy will reduce the rate of demand on our fossilized fuels (coal, oil, etc.) to an extent that cannot be foreseen with reasonable accuracy at this time.

"All that can be said is that we shall probably be dependent on coal for a major part of our energy supplies for a long time to come."

The closing down of the Nordegg mine will come as a severe blow and ring immeasurable hardship to the 150 miners who have been laid off, to their families and to all the residents of this one-industry town. This shut-down is direct consequence of the failure of the federal government to adopt a national coal policy, based on the principles of Canadian coal for the Canadian market and the building up of industries to process our raw materials right here in Canada instead of shipping so many of them to the United States. Why should 22 million tons a year of United States coal be dumped into Canada at a time when our own mines are being forced to close down because of lack of markets? Unless such a national coal policy is adopted, Nordegg will only be one

more in a growing list of ghost towns, symbolic of government policies that put the profits of United States coal trusts ahead of the interests of Canadian miners. The Labor - Progressive Party proposes that:

(a) The provincial government should immediately declare Nordegg a disaster area and set aside funds for the rehabilitation of its residents.

(b) The federal government should take steps at once to keep out at least two million tons a year of United States coal and make this market available to western Canada mines.

(c) The federal government should immediately increase unemployment insurance payments to all unemployed Nordegg workers and make them available for the full period of unemployment.

B. R. SWANKEY,  
Provincial Leader,  
Labor-Progress Party.

### THOSE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS

There is not much sense in running to the doctor on every pretext, when there is nothing particularly the matter and when there are actually no symptoms of any ailment. It is a good idea to have a family doctor and to have a medical checkup as often as he suggests, to keep you in good health. In the intervals between, it pays to follow the doctor's suggestions as to the general pattern of healthful living.

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## Insurance News

Did you know that effective Nov. 1st, 1954, all Dwelling insurance renewal policies will have a reduction in rate? Check with your local agent who will be only too pleased to review your coverage with you. Remember, Wintertime is Fire Time.

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Peaches choice 2 tins	.49		Margaaine 3 pounds	-	1.00
Pears choice 2 tins	.59		Lard Swifts 2 for	-	41
Pineapple sliced 2 tins	.69		Salmon Sockeye 2 tins	.89	
Instant Coffee Nabob	.69		Peers choice 3 tins	-	.55
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Your eyes will pop at the suspense....You'll gasp at the excitement....You'll scream at the chills....An all-time high in adventure.

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The Sweetest Story Ever Told....the love of a girl for a Pet Horse....It will tug at the heartstrings of the whole family....A remarkable horse plus a little girl add up to gripping drama....All the moving appeal of the "Lassie" Films.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, January 19, 20 and 21  
(THREE DAYS)

### "MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION"

Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson

A dramatic achievement that reaches new heights of greatness....Superb in color by Technicolor....Surging with torrents of emotion.

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Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kovacik were Mrs. E. Dumont and girls of Edmonton, Peter Kovacik Edmonton and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kovacik of Calgary

Mr. G Siska and Miss Kathy Toker of Calgary visited Mr. and Mrs. V. Siska

Mr. J. Salus and Rene Price of Lethbridge visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Salus

Stanley Halluk and John Nowasad of Edmonton visited with their parents here

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. MacQuarrie of Kimberley were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacKinnon

The Womens Workroom Committee of the Coleman Red Cross Society made its first shipment since October 1954 to the Calgary branch on December 15th consisting of 7 sheets, girls nightgown, 5 quilts, 2 pairs mens socks, 11 childrens vests. Meetings in the Canadian Legion basement have been resumed and are held every Wednesday at 2 p.m. All former adherents and others interested in Red Cross work are asked to attend

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Phillips were Lethbridge visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Safford are holidaying in Seattle.

Jim Evans and Jim Wilkie were Spokane visitors this week.

Miss Gloria Vasek of Lethbridge visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Vasek.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Haslett on December 12, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete DeGroot, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Michalski and Mr. and Mrs. Oslosky spent New Years Day the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. DeGroot at Pincher Creek.

# NOTICE RE FIRE CALLS

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A new Fire Phone, located in the lobby at the side entrance to the Fire Hall will be used starting 5 p. m. Fri. January 14th

## Phone Number 3933

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This phone will be used for FIRE ONLY and when it rings it will sound a horn. Should anyone hear this horn, it is requested that that person take the call, sound siren and give the location to the firemen as they arrive

## Personalities IN THE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jessey of Calgary visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins recently.

B. C., having visited in Coleman for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Collings had as their guest the latter's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jessey of Calgary.

Mrs. K. Powlyk and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pettifor at High River.

Mrs. J. Jackson has returned to her daughter's home at Michel,

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Luchansky and family of Lethbridge were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Krish.

NABOB TEA, Green Label  
1 pound pkg. \$1.19  
Price will be higher.

SPEARMINT GUM, Wrigleys  
Box of 20 packages .99

LARD, Swift's Silverleaf,  
Our stock is fresh,  
2 pounds for .49

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20 ounce tins, 2 for .45c  
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2 pound box .65

PORK and BEANS,  
Libby's, Deep Browned  
20 oz. tins, 2 for .53

KRAFT DINNER, Macaroni  
and Cheese. Cooks in 7  
minutes, 2 pkgs. for .29

PREM, a Swift's Product,  
Good for all occasions,  
SPECIAL, 2 tins for .89

**FLOUR SPECIAL**  
Robin Hood Only  
98 lb. sack - \$5.10

**SPECIAL**  
1 Monarch Cake Mix, White  
and 1 Monarch Cake Mix  
Chocolate  
Both for 75c  
with 1 pkg. Tea Bisk Free

I. B. C. GRAHAM WAFERS,  
Fresh stock.  
16 ounce packages .35

PACIFIC MILK, 6 tins for .98c  
Per Case of 48 tins for \$7.79

PALMOLIVE SOAP  
4 regular size cakes .33

DOG FOOD, Dr. Ballards,  
Thrifty, 6 tins for .69c  
Per Case of 48 tins \$5.45

SWIFT'S JEWEL OIL for Salads  
and all fine cooking  
32 oz. bottle .83

SPECIAL-1 package of Purity  
White Cake Mix and 1 pkg.  
of Purity Pie Crust Mix,  
Both for .49

OYSTERS, Geisha Smoked  
per tin .29

ALLSWEET MARGARINE. It's  
Swift's, if it's Swift's,  
It's Good. Special, 2 lbs. .79

APPLE JUICE, Sunrype  
Clear, 20 oz. tins, 2 for .37

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, Libbys, Sweet  
or Unsweetened, 20 oz. tins, 2 for .31

BLENDED JUICE, Orange and  
Grapefruit, 20 oz. tins, 2 for .39

ORANGE JUICE, Libbys  
Sweetened, 20 oz. tins, 2 for .39

PEACHES, Libbys, Fancy Sliced, 28 oz. tins .45

PEACHES, Castle Crest, Fancy Halves, 15 oz. tin, 2 for .55

PEARS, Bartlett's, Harper House Fancy, 15 oz. tins .29

APRICOTS, Taste Tells, Choice, 15 oz. tins .27

PRUNE PLUMS, Monica Choice, 20 oz. tins, 2 for .45

FACIAL SOAP,  
Woodbury's, 4 reg. size cakes .33

CAMAY SOAP  
SPECIAL,  
4 Bath size cakes .48

## B. C. Pure Cane Sugar

Factory Filled

10 pound sack .98c  
5 pound sack .53c  
Icing Sugar, 2 pounds for .27c  
Brown Sugar, 2 pounds for .27c  
Berry Sugar, 2 pounds for .27c  
Lump Sugar, 2 pounds for .27c

RASPBERRY JAM, Empress Pure, 2 pound tin .59

STRAWBERRY JAM, Empress Pure, 2 pound tin .73

PINEAPPLE MARMALADE, H. and P. Pure, 2 lb. tin .59

JAM, Rhnbarb and Strawberry, Murrays, 4 lb. tin .93

ORANGE MARMALADE, Empress Pure, 24 oz. jar .49

JERGENS TOILET SOAP  
Lotion Mild, 4 reg. size cakes .29

LUX TOILET  
SOAP  
3 reg. size cakes .27

MINCE MEAT  
Empress, 26 ounce jar .53

JELLO PIE FILLER, Lemon or  
Coconut Cream, 2 packages for .23

SUN-RYPE PIE FILLER  
Apple or Peach, 20 ounce tins .29

STAFFORDS PIE FILLER, Blueberry  
or Cherry, 20 ounce tins .53

WEINERS and BEANS, Burns,  
with Tomato Sauce  
15 oz. tins .35

JELLIED CHICKEN  
Summerside, Boneless  
per tin .55

**Strawberry Jam**  
H and P. Pure Jam  
4 pound Tin \$1.19  
Only Limited Supply

COOKED SPAGHETTI in  
Tomato Sauce with Cheese  
15 oz. tins, 2 for .45

MEAT BALLS, Burns  
with Spagetti,  
15 oz. tins .35

BEANS with HAM  
In Tomato Sauce  
15 oz. tins .39

SIRLOIN TIPS with  
Gravy, Puritan  
15 oz. tins .79

CHUCK WAGON DINNER  
Burns, Old-Fashioned,  
15 oz. tins .45

BEEF STEW with  
Vegetables, Burns,  
15 oz. tins .35

CHICKEN STEW  
with Dumplings  
Heinz, per tin .35

SALMON STEAK  
Fancy Red Sockeye  
Oval tins, each .45

SHRIMPS,  
Clover Leaf, small  
per tin .50

SAUSAGES,  
Swifts Pure Pork,  
per tin .63

PEAS, Mighty  
Mammoth, Fancy  
20 oz. tins, 2 for .49

CORN, Country Home  
Fancy Cream Style  
15 oz. tins, 2 for .37

PEAS and CARROTS  
Mixed, Fancy  
15 oz. tins .20

ASPARAGUS TIPS  
Fancy, Green  
Tender-Tips, a tin .49

CORN, Goodness Me,  
Fancy, Cream Style  
20 oz. tins, 2 for .45

GREEN or WAX BEANS,  
Fancy  
20 oz. tins, 2 for .49

SAUER KRAUT  
Libbys, Fancy  
15 oz. tins, 2 for .39

SPINACH,  
Emerald Bay  
Fancy, per tin .19

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